GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
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CLEARANCE TO PENDING PROJECTS OF MAHARASHTRA
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether about 94 major or minor projects of Maharashtra Government are pending for environment clearance with Union Government for a long period;

(b) if so, the details thereof, project-wise;

(c) the reasons for delay in clearance of these projects; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government for early clearance of these projects?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) At present, only 9 projects received from Government of Maharashtra or its agencies for grant of environmental clearance are with the Ministry for appraisal. None of these proposals is pending beyond the prescribed statutory period of 120 days from the date of submission of all the relevant information for completing the appraisal;

(b)&(c) The relevant details on the above projects and the reasons for the delay in completing the appraisal are given in the Annexure to this reply;

(d) The appraisal of 8 projects will be completed as soon as the relevant information are received from the Government of Maharashtra or its agencies concerned, and the appropriate decision of the Ministry conveyed within the prescribed statutory period. In the last case, the environmental clearance order is under issue.